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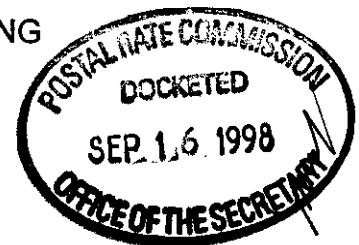
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. MC98-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ADDRESSING
OUTSTANDING EVIDENTIARY MATTERS
AND CLOSING THE RECORD

(September 16, 1998)



Presiding Officer's Ruling MC98-1/6 cancelled the hearing scheduled to receive the testimony of Pitney Bowes witness Brand and provided for the receipt of that testimony into evidence after the filing of an appropriate statement of authenticity. On September 11, 1998, Pitney Bowes filed with the Commission a declaration attesting to the authenticity of this document. Witness Brand's testimony will be received into evidence and will be transcribed into the record in a volume of transcript to be published September 16, 1998.

The same ruling established September 11, 1998 as the deadline for filing designations for the purpose of introducing evidence related to the market test proposal. The Postal Service and the Office of the Consumer Advocate filed designations of material to be included in the record for this phase.¹ No objections to

¹ Office of the Consumer Advocate Designation of Written Cross-Examination to United States Postal Service, filed September 3, 1998; United States Postal Service Designation of Pitney Bowes' Responses to United States Postal Service Request for Admissions as Record Evidence, filed September 10, 1998; and Office of the Consumer Advocate Designations of Written Cross-Examination to United States Postal Service, filed September 11, 1998.

these designations were received, and they will be transcribed in the volume of transcript to be published September 16, 1998.

This ruling grants the motions to adopt transcript corrections and approves the proposed transcript corrections filed by participants, with exceptions and modifications listed later in this ruling. In addition to the transcript corrections filed by participants, I have identified two corrections for Volume 3 which are itemized below. Where a filing listed below refers to more than one volume, it is included with reference to the first volume only and not repeated.

There have been no objections to the motions to adopt transcript corrections or proposed transcript corrections filed in this proceeding. The following motions are granted and corrections approved as listed.

Volume 1	United States Postal Service Notice of Filing Errata to Transcript Volume 1, filed August 24, 1998;
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Volume 2	Office of the Consumer Advocate Motion to Adopt Transcript Corrections, filed September 1, 1998.
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In addition, with the modifications and exceptions listed, the following motions are granted and transcript corrections approved:

Volume 2	Motion of United States Postal Service to Adopt Transcript Corrections for Volumes 2 and 3 (Witnesses Garvey, Plunkett, and Stirewalt), filed September 3, 1998, the correction for page 100-ii, line 4 is on page 100-i; the change for page 100-ii, line 19 is on page 100-i; the change for page 100-iii, is on page 100-ii; Commissioner LeBlanc is correctly identified on page 381:3, 398:12 and 681:1; the change for page 338, line 11 is on page 338, line 3; the change for page 384, line 11 is on line 10.
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Volume 3	Corrections identified by the Presiding Officer, page i, line 13, and page 705, line 23, change "exhibits" to "Library Reference".
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RULING

1. Transcript Volume 4 containing the testimony of Pitney Bowes witness Brand and designations of written cross-examination and institutional responses will be published September 16, 1998.

2. Transcript Volumes 1-3 in Docket No. MC98-1 are corrected as described in the body of this ruling.

3. The evidentiary record in the market test phase of Docket No. MC98-1 is closed.



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Presiding Officer